

Colon and Rectal Cancer

Colon and rectal cancer usually start from polyps. Over time, some polyps can become cancerous. Removing polyps can help prevent cancer of the colon and rectum.

Read more at www.cancer.gov.

Who develops colon polyps?

Anyone can develop colon polyps; however, some people are more likely to develop them than others. You may have a greater chance of developing polyps if

- you're 50 years of age or older
- you've had polyps before
- someone in your family has had polyps or cancer of the colon or rectum

If you're African American, you are more likely to develop cancerous polyps. You are also more likely to develop cancerous polyps before age 50.